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### PORTOLA/EAST CLIFF SEWER, ROAD PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY

The Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development and Infrastructure will begin a significant sewer and road resurfacing project along Portola Drive/East Cliff Drive between 12th Avenue and 26th Avenue. The work is expected to get underway next week.

Sewer lines in this area have reached the end of their service life and are at risk of failure, which can lead to environmental contamination or sinkholes. Additionally, road resurfacing will improve pavement quality and extend pavement longevity for the benefit of those who use this transportation corridor. Funding for the project is financed by the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District's green infrastructure bonds for sewer related work, with roadway work is funded through Measure D revenues.

Work will continue through October 2023. At times during the project, residents in the area should expect noise, dust, and temporary traffic controls and associated delays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. In some instances, access to driveways along impacted roadways may be temporarily blocked during daytime construction hours. Additionally, sewer service to properties in these areas may be temporarily interrupted, though residents and businesses will receive advance notice for these temporary interruptions in the form of door hangars. Access to businesses in the area will be maintained throughout each phase of construction.

Underground work includes trenching, installing pipes, backfilling trenches, and lining manholes. Upon completion of underground work, trenched areas will be repaved and additional pavement sections will be dug out and repaved to address existing issues. Upon completion of paving, project roadways will receive a coat of slurry seal, and striping will be restored to the roadway and bike lanes.

To protect the safety of workers and residents, please drive carefully through the area. For project updates, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/eastcliffdrivesewer>.